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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR(S)), has made a discovery or invention entitled:

### **FLUIDIC METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PARALLEL CHEMICAL REACTIONS**

- for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith,
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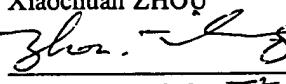


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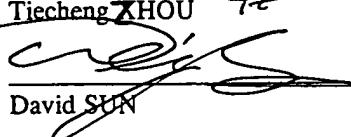


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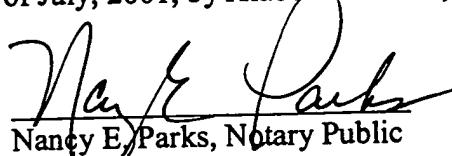
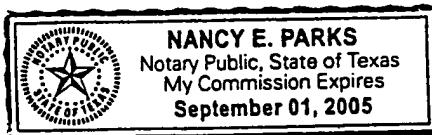
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